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Dr. Beckles has researched and written an appropriately titled book. I felt he did an impressive job of pulling together information on enslaved Barbadian WOMEN whose rebellious actions - some covert, others amazingly overt, all courageous (when examined against seemingly insurmountable cruelties from other "humans")- could only be seen as completely NATURAL. These women like any other normal person - be they male or female, black, white, gristle, grunted or grey - had a NATURAL desire/ impulse/longing/ right/ demand for freedom of body, mind and spirit and would rebel against any kind of shackle. He deliberately shifted the focus TO women, an often neglected subject and as a woman born in the Caribbean, I loved the result which confirms that it is completely un-natural to believe the lie that ANY person "loved"/ "loves" slavery and brutal massa/ mistress no matter their inhumanity. (I purchased and read Centering Women - just as good).

An aspect of the history of slavery of black women in the West Indies, in particular in Barbados, that only emphasizes the cruelty of that system. Dr. Beckles is an absolutely brilliant writer. I would recommend this book very strongly.

Very well researched book. Plentiful use of primary sources. Well written. I'm glad I read it. It will

give you a view of life as a slave woman in Barbados that a generic knowledge of slavery doesn't offer.

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